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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Response to Amendment

1. Receipt and entry of the reply filed on July 10, 2002, including the amendment to the claims, is hereby acknowledged.
2. Nevertheless, the amendment to the claims filed on July 10, 2002 does not fully comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because the version of at least claims 31 and 32 appearing in the marked up copy of the claims does not match the version of these claims appearing in the clean copy of the claims in the amendment. Furthermore, the version of at least new claim 31 appearing in the marked up copy of the claims includes deletion brackets even though claim 31 is a new claim.

Both the clean and the marked-up copies of the amended claims should be thoroughly checked for any additional discrepancies by applicants prior to the submittal of a response to the instant Office action.

3. To avoid confusion, the response to the instant Office communication should be a supplemental amendment to, and NOT a substitute amendment for, the amendment filed on July 10, 2002 since the aforementioned amendment has been entered in the file as already noted above.

4. Applicant is thus respectfully reminded that amendments to the claims filed after March 1, 2001 must comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c) which states:

(c) Claims

(1) Amendment by rewriting, directions to cancel or add: Amendments to a claim must

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be made by rewriting such claim with all changes (e.g., additions, deletions, modifications) included. The rewriting of a claim (with the same number) will be construed as directing the cancellation of the previous version of that claim. A claim may also be canceled by an instruction.

(I) A rewritten or newly added claim must be in clean form, that is, without markings to indicate the changes that have been made. A parenthetical expression should follow the claim number indicating the status of the claim as amended or newly added (e.g., "amended," "twice amended," or "new").

(ii) If a claim is amended by rewriting such claim with the same number, the amendment must be accompanied by another version of the rewritten claim, on one or more pages separate from the amendment, marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of that claim. A parenthetical expression should follow the claim number indicating the status of the claim, e.g., "amended," "twice amended," etc. The parenthetical expression "amended," "twice amended," etc. should be the same for both the clean version of the claim under paragraph (c)(1)(I) of this section and the marked up version under this paragraph. The changes may be shown by brackets (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter), or by any equivalent marking system. A marked up version does not have to be supplied for an added claim or a canceled claim as it is sufficient to state that a particular claim has been added, or canceled.

(2) A claim canceled by amendment (deleted in its entirety) may be reinstated only by a subsequent amendment presenting the claim as a new claim with a new claim number.

Since the reply filed on July 10, 2002 appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Cirim, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925. While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Cirim may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennett, can be reached on (703) 308-0101. The fax phone number is (703) 305-3463.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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